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AMENDMENT

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Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

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In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule with the function of a caryopsis-specific promoter, which nucleic acid molecule:
 - a) comprises the nucleic acid sequence defined by Seq ID No. 1 or deposited by DSM 13398 (plasmid p 11/1);
 - b) comprises one or more sequence elements selected from the group consisting of
 - i) cacgcaaagg cgcgtcgcc agccacgac (Seq ID No. 2);
 - ii) agaaaacaaac aaacaaacaa aaaagt (Seq ID No. 3);
 - iii) ccttcagga cgatgcitcg gtgcctaag acacctacc ttgtgtcta tgacatgtga gcccaacag atggct (Seq ID No. 4);
 - iv) cccgtctagg cggtcggtgt ccggcc (Seq ID No. 5);
 - v) cagggagcct tcga (Seq ID No. 6);
 - vi) tcagccagtt ccacccctgt cacg (Seq ID No. 7) and
 - vii) tactctggtc atgttaa (Seq ID No. 8);
 - c) comprises a functional portion of the nucleic acid sequence stated under a);
 - d) comprises a sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions with at least one of the nucleotide sequences stated under a) and/or b); and/or
 - e) comprises a sequence which has approx. 75 90-99% identity with one of the nucleic acid sequences stated under a).
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously amended) An expression cassette comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 1.
4. (Previously amended) A vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 1.
5. (Previously amended) The vector as claimed in claim 4 which is suitable for transforming plant cells.
6. (Previously amended) A host cell comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 1.